Government Press. The reports could be given to the Press only after scrutiny by the learned Judges. They have been given to the Press early in Mithunam and orders have been issued to see that the publication is pushed through. It was only under these exceptional circumstances which were accidental and unanticipated that the publication of parts 2 and 3 have been delayed. I hope the House will be satisfied with this explanation.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* May I know, Sir, whether this two months' rule is applicable strictly?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Rules have been framed and published in the Civil Rules of Practice.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* Then what is the reason for allowing this two months?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The learned Judges have to decide which of the decided cases, the Head Notes prepared are to be reported by the Law Reporter must be scrutinised by the Judges, and if there is difference of opinion in the matter, it has to be placed before a meeting of all the Judges. The Head Notes have to be carefully drafted and scrutinised. These processes require time and therefore a maximum time limit of two months has been fixed in the rules.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know, Sir, whether the Cochin Law Journal is recognised?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I don't find any such specific recognition. As a matter of fact, copies of judgments are being supplied to the Editor by the High Court and the Cochin Law Journal is freely cited in Courts and used by the Bar.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiyar *(Trippunittura):* In view of the fact that the Cochin Law Journal is being regularly published, will the Government consider the stopping of the publication?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The Government of India have not ceased publication of the Indian Law Reports, though there are various other officers publishing Law Reports. We will fall into line with the practice in British India.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I don't want to press this motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION NO. 2

Necessity of a ladies waiting room in the Trichur Munsiff's Courts

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 35,810 for Establishment—Munsiffs' Court—by Re. 1.* The object of this is to take to the notice of *the Government the necessity of a ladies waiting room for parties and witnesses in the Trichur District and Munsiff's Courts.*

There are three courts adjoining the Trichur Munsiff's Court—the Munsiff Court, the District Court and the District Magistrate Court, in which also the second class Magistrate Court is located. There are no waiting sheds for witnesses or parties, either for men or for women. The men are somehow managing in the verandahs and they crowd in the verandahs—all sorts of people, along with Vakils. Even pedlars have to manage in the verandah, exposed to sun or rain, or in the shade of some trees. That is how they are managing. Men may manage. Ladies who have unfortunately to go to the court as witnesses find it very difficult to wait there at least for a few hours. The want of waiting room for witnesses was brought to the notice of the Government several times years and years back, and the Government then told that it was their policy to have these waiting sheds for the courts wherever possible, and as a matter of fact, they started in one or two places and then stopped. I therefore request the Government to start very vigorously the construction of waiting sheds and supply the Trichur court first, where at least four courts will be benefited, by the construction of one building. With these few words I commend the motion for the acceptance of this House.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* This question of providing waiting rooms in the several courts has been put forward by the member during the last budget session also, and I answered then that the question will be considered. In the year 1117, that is this year, we took up the question again for providing for these buildings in the budget. Then it was thought that on account of the war, all questions connected with the construction of the buildings may be stopped as far as possible. That is the reason why we did not make any provision in 1118 for this purpose. The Government are fully aware of the necessity of providing waiting rooms for the litigant public in the courts. On account of the war and the consequent policy of the Government to economise the

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construction of buildings, this work was not taken up. As soon as the war is over, the Government will be able to take up this work.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How much will it cost?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The cost estimated for Trichur is Rs. 1,500.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is only a small amount.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There are such very many number of small amounts. We want to economise the work on buildings.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Not at the inconvenience of the ordinary people of the country.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* While I admit that this convenience is very desirable, I do not say that it is absolutely essential. The court buildings are very large, and people can find places to wait in the verandahs or in some spare rooms.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Have you arranged seats for them in the verandahs? Have not the Government undertaken to provide seating arrangements in all the courts years ago in response to a cut motion from me? Government have forgotton that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Provision has been made from time to time for providing extra furniture, benches and things like that for the people there. I distinctly remember that.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Furniture for the purposes of the witnesses?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Furniture for the purpose of the people to sit. So also in public offices too. That point used to be raised here a few years ago persistently and Government used to sanction amounts.

Mr. President: In view of the strong feeling in the matter in this House, the question of constructing a waiting room for ladies in the Trichur courts will have to be reconsidered and the building constructed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* In the light of that assurance, I don't wish to press this motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 3

Necessity of giving a better and up-to-date library to the Munsiff's Courts in the State

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* There is yet another motion standing in my name, which also refers to another matter; namely, *To reduce the allotment of Rs. 580 for purchase of books and periodicals—Munsiffs' courts—by Re. 1.* The object of this is to bring to the notice of the Government, *the necessity of giving a better and up-to-dale library to the Munsiff's courts in the State.* I find there is only a very small allotment for the purchase of books for all the Munsiff's courts. They have only very small libraries and even they are not up-to-date. I think the House can have an idea of the library of the Trichur Munsiff's court when the House hears that it has not got a copy of Dicey's Conflict of Law. Such an important work, which for interpretation of law, every Munsiff should have with him, is not available there. It is just to bring to the notice of the Government to ask for a revised book, and if necessary, to provide additional funds, that I have tabled this motion. I don't wish to press this motion to a division. I wish to bring this fact to the prominent notice of the Government that they may be pleased to call for a revised list of the books available and see whether they are up-to-date and help them by giving some more amount.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know from the Hon'ble Member whether there is not a District Court Library?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* There is a District Court Library.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I wish to say one or two words. The poor Munsiff is not supplied with up-to-date text books, *e.g.*, Mulla's Civil Procedure Code, Limitation, etc. These books are absolutely necessary, for a Munsiff. After the advocates have argued the case, the book has to be supplied to the Munsiff. It is a very difficult task, because we have to argue cases in different courts and unless the Munsiffs have got the books, how is it possible to argue cases and then supply books to all the Munsiffs. Therefore at least these up-to-date books may be supplied.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not the Munsiffs' Courts supplied with books?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, the Munsiff's courts in the State are being supplied with the I.L.R. series, the Madras Weekly Notes, the Cochin Law Journal, and

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